

Docket No. VKSW-1

REMARKS

Claims 2-22 remain in this application. Claims 2-7, 9-10, 12, and 14-16 have been amended. No new claim has been added. Claim 1 has been canceled. All other claims remain the same. Full consideration of the claims as now presented is requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation Examiner's courtesies extended to the undersigned during the interview of January 5, 2006 during which the subject matter of claims 1-22 was discussed. Applicants appreciate Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2-22. Examiner indicated that combining of the subject matter of claims 1 and 2 and cancellation of claim 1 would place the application in form for allowance.

Applicants hereby cancel claim 1 without prejudice or waiver of the right to pursue the subject matter thereof in this or a later application.

Claim 2 is hereby amended by addition of the subject matter of claim 1 thereto. The text of the amended claims is set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" submitted herewith.

Claims 2-7, 9-10, 12, and 14-16 have been amended to change the dependencies thereof. The amendments were necessitated in view of cancellation of claim 1.

In view of all the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that they have made a diligent effort to move the claims to allowance by amending the claims and present supportive argumentation. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in form for allowance and request an early notice of allowance therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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